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1. WE HAVE MADE REPRESENTATION AS OUTLINED REFTEL A AND GIVEN COPY OF U.S. PAPER ON AGRICULTURE STUDY TO AGMIN DIR-GEN STUYCK AND TO FONMIN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE EC-THIRD COUNTRY RELATIONS, JANSSEN. WE INTEND TO FOLLOW-UP WITH DIR-GEN FOR FOREIGN TRADE LATER IN WEEK.

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2. STUYCK, NOTING THAT HIS MINISTRY DOES NOT NORMALLY ATTEND OECD MEETINGS, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PAPER AND SAID HE WOULD LET US HAVE HIS COMMENTS. WE WILL REPORT ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT HE MAY HAVE TO SAY.

3. JANSSEN READ PAPER CAREFULLY AND COMMENTED PERSONALLY THAT HE SAW NOTHING OBJECTIONABLE IN U.S. PROPOSAL FOR STUDY BY INDEPENDENT EXPERTS. HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT GOB HAD NOT YET BEEN TOLD ABOUT PAPER BY OECD OR EC COMMISSION, "SINCE COMMISSION CANNOT SPEAK WITHOUT CONSULTING MEMBER GOVERNMENTS". HE MENTIONED THAT EC SPECIAL AGRICULTURE COMMISSION WAS MEETING NOV. 5-7 AND PROMISED TO LET US KNOW IF U. S. PROPOSAL DISCUSSED.

4. JANSSEN SPECULATED THAT FRENCH MAY OPPOSE U.S. PROPOSAL ON GROUNDS THAT STUDY COVERING POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF LIBERALIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE COULD PREDISPOSE MTN NEGOTIATIONS IN THAT DIRECTION. HE INFORMED US THAT A LETTER SENT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO BY FOA DIRECTOR BOERMA TO EC COMMISSION SUGGESTING STUDY ON FUTURE AGRICULTURAL TRADE HAS REMAINED UNANSWERED BECAUSE OF FRENCH OPPOSITION. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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